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**Continuation/Division Filed Under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)**

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**Mail Stop Patent Application****Commissioner for Patents****P.O. Box 1450****Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Sir: This is a request for filing a ☒ continuation ☐ divisional application, under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b),  
 of pending prior Application No. 09/ 981,454 filed on October 17, 2001,  
 entitled Fluid Bed Process for the Acetoxylation of Ethylene in the Production of Vinyl Acetate

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1. ☒ Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the oath or declaration, as originally filed. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied herewith, is considered as being a part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
2. ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
3. ☐ Amend this application to cancel original claims \_\_\_\_\_ of the application before calculating the filing fee (MPEP 607). (At least one original independent claim is retained.)
4. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
 This is a ☒ continuation, ☐ division of Application No. 09/ 981,454,  
 filed On 10/17/01, which is a cont. of 08/703,805 filed on 8/27/96, which is a cont. of 08/378,344 files on 1/26/95, which is a CIP of 08/252,874 filed on 6/2/94.
5. This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2):
  - a. ☐ DELETE the following inventor(s) named in the prior non-provisional application:  
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  - b. ☐ The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.
6. ☐ A new power of attorney is enclosed.
7. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) is enclosed.
8. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed: a. ☐ PTO-1449 b. ☐ Copies of IDS citations

The filing fee is calculated below on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended in 2 and 3 above.

Claims As Filed in the Prior Application Less any Claims Canceled By Amendment				
(1) For:	(2) No. Filed	(3) No. Extra	(4) Rate	(5) Calculations
Total Claims	13 =	0	\$18 =	\$
Independent Claims	2 =	0	\$84 =	\$
			Basic Fee	\$770.00
Total Filing Fee >				\$770.00

9. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. **01-0528**. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
10. ☒ Form PTO-2038 (Credit Card Payment Form)
11. ☒ Other: Copies of Decisions on Appeal from prior applications (2)
12. ☐ New correspondence address: \_\_\_\_\_

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